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House of Representatives

The House was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 16, 2004, at 2 p.m.

Senate

MONDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2004

The Senate met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the President pro tempore [Mr. STEVENS].

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Barry C. Black, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray.

Majestic and Holy God, we give You honor and praise. We thank You for the spiritual awareness that prompted statements about Sabbath rest in this Chamber yesterday. Thank You also for the love of the sacred that led Senators and staff to participate in a weekend worship service in this building. As You healed people on the Sabbath long ago, grant that our weekend work will bring healing to this great Nation.

Thank You, finally, for the treasure of superb staff, the wind beneath the wings of our lawmakers. Bless those unsung heroes and heroines who enable our leaders to succeed in their work. Help these supporters to see that their seemingly secondary role is really a primary one in freedom's cause.

Today, bless our Senators. Use them as instruments of Your will. Give them the humility to trust You and obey Your teachings. Give them traveling mercies in these dangerous times.

We pray in Your Holy Name, Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The PRESIDENT pro tempore led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The majority leader is recognized.

SCHEDULE

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, a good Columbus Day to everyone.

We reconvene today for what I expect to be the final day of business before adjournment.

Yesterday, we invoked cloture on the conference report to accompany the FSC or JOBS bill. With that vote and the subsequent agreement from last night, we will be able to finish the remaining items before the close of business today. The agreement reached last night provides for a vote on adoption of the FSC conference report at 12 noon.

Following that vote, the Senate will vote on the adoption of the Military Construction appropriations conference report and the Homeland Security conference report, along with some other housekeeping matters.

As stated last night, we will conduct a rollcall vote on the FSC bill, and all other actions should be completed without the need for further rollcall votes. Therefore, the next vote will be at noon today. That should be the only vote of the day.

We will also continue to work through other legislative items that can be cleared by unanimous consent.

Again, I thank all Members who were here yesterday as well as Saturday allowing us to invoke cloture on the conference report so that we are now on a glide path to finishing our work today.

RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, leadership time is reserved.

AMERICAN JOBS CREATION ACT OF 2004—CONFERENCE REPORT

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the Senate will resume consideration of the conference report to accompany H.R. 4520, which the clerk will report.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

Conference report accompanying the bill (H.R. 4520) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senator from Iowa is recognized.

Mr. GRASSLEY. Mr. President, I am glad that Senator FRIST and other Senators were able to work out the parliamentary maneuvering that it takes to get us to finality on this JOBS bill.

We obviously want to encourage the creation of jobs and manufacturing in America. We want to reduce reasons for outsourcing. This bill deals with all of those and some others as well.

Throughout this debate, I feel as though I was whipsawed in arguments trotted out by opponents of this bill. They complain about accommodations we have made to Members. Some of these accomplishments and accommodations have even helped folks in States of the critics. Then they complain about what is not in this bill that should have been included in this bill.

First of all, I don't know how many times I have to say this, but I think it

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